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I would like to express my displeasure at the possible furthering the non-competetive environment in the computing community by way of the Microsoft settlement.

The settlement I hahe seen would have Microsoft supplying computers and Microsoft products to school systems. On the surface this is very nice, however I was a young adult when another company almost gave hardware and software away to colleges for use in their computing needs. IBM managed to get a strangle hold on the computing market for years due to the familiarity of the college student having worked on nothing else but IBM equipment. It even created a snobbery of sorts at anyone who would even think of using another vendor.

It is my belief that is the Department of Justice allows this settlement to go through, then we will have exactly the same situation again, amplified by the "underprivileged youth accomplishment" call of the liberals in this country.

Please do not step into this trap.

Sincerely

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